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Cleaning of Yamuna River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that water quality of Yamuna river has not improved even after spending about Rs.2000 crores on its cleaning and if so, the details/facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of various projects implemented/being implemented to clean-up the river; and

(c) the time by which the river is to be made pollution free along with the further efforts to be made to clean it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c) Cleaning of Rivers is an ongoing process and this Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the States for pollution abatement of river Yamuna, a tributary of River Ganga, by providing financial assistance to States of Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in phased manner since 1993 under the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP). Works taken up relate to sewerage/interception and diversion of drains, sewage treatment plants (STPs), low cost sanitation/community toilet complexes, electric/improved wood crematoria, etc.
Till date under Yamuna Action Plans, 942.25 mld STP capacity has been created and rehabilitation and upgradation of 950 MLD of existing STP capacity is in process. Further, under NRCP, two projects, were sanctioned in Sonepat and Panipat for pollution abatement in Sonepat and Panipat to create 70 mld of new STP and rehabilitation of 75 MLD STP capacity. In addition, under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) project of Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), an interceptor sewer project costing Rs. 1357 crore is being implemented by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to intercept sewage flowing into river Yamuna from three major drains, namely, Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shahdara in Delhi. Visible improvement in quality of river Yamuna is expected after completion of ongoing projects.

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